CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	31.JPG_500 (1).jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1400079.009
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	05 March 2014
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	04 March 2014

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. It contains a posed image of a young girl, which focuses the viewer's attention on her naked, prepubescent body. The image promotes the idea that young girls are sexually available and are acceptable objects of adult sexual attention. Its purpose is to sexually titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.